

The Isabella Plantation Access Project Update

Spring 2014

Free Transport this Spring and Summer



We have been working with partners The Holly Lodge Centre and Richmond and Kingston Accessible Transport (RAKAT) to provide help for people getting to Isabella Plantation.

From Wednesday April 23rd, a **round-Richmond-Park free minibus service** will run every Wednesday from 10:30am to 3:30pm clockwise from Roehampton Gate via the Isabella Plantation. There will be bus-stops and a time-table soon.

Once a month, on the last Saturday of the month, starting on Saturday April 26th, we will be running an **electric buggy service between Broomfield Hill Car Park and Broomfield Gate.**

These services are aimed at people who would otherwise not be able to get to Isabella – those with reduced mobility, or those with small children, but beyond those priorities, all are very welcome to use the service.

If you would like to bring your group to Isabella we can help with transport.

We are also looking for more volunteers to help us with transport.

Contact clilly@royalparcs.gsi.gov.uk for more information.

GARDENS APPRENTICE NEEDED

In April, we begin the search for a second person to take on an 18 month apprenticeship in the Isabella Plantation. We are looking for someone with entry level horticultural skills to start in September. Further details on how to apply for the Isabella Plantation Apprenticeship can be found on the Royal Parks website at <http://www.royalparcs.org.uk/be-involved>

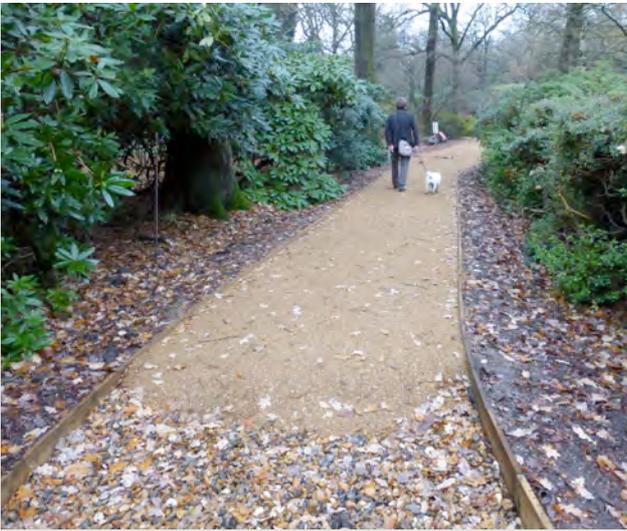


Working with the Community

Children from Eastwood school visited the Plantation in March and took part in arts workshops inspired by Isabella as part of the project's community engagement programme.



LOTTERY FUNDED



Working to Improve Isabella

The physical work in the Isabella Plantation is coming to an end with path works complete, and the new irrigation system almost finished. When the pipes are in, the trenches will be filled and the green will come back, which will be good news for everyone.

The work on the new toilet block will take a little longer, but the contractors have promised to confine themselves to the area beside Peg's Pond Gate, so the impact should be minimal.

To enable the car park and access road at Peg's Pond to be resurfaced, the car park will be closed to the public from April 7th to April 17th. We apologise for any inconvenience.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

THE ISABELLA PLANTATION ACCESS PROJECT RELIES ON LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. IF YOU HAVE TIME YOU'D BE WILLING TO GIVE, LET US KNOW. WE'RE ESPECIALLY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO WORK WITH THE TRANSPORT AND SOCIAL HISTORY TEAMS.

Contact Chris on 0300 061 2218, or clilly@royalparks.gsi.gov.uk

We Want Your Memories of Isabella

We are collecting stories, pictures and memories of Isabella Plantation. If you would like to add to our archive, please let us know and we can arrange to capture your story or scan your photographs.

We are also looking for more volunteers to help record memories and manage the archive.

Contact Chris Lilly if you're interested at clilly@royalparks.gsi.gov.uk



'On The Record' doing interviews at the 60th Anniversary Celebrations in August 2013.

Keep in Touch

We will let you know what's happening on The Royal Parks website:

<http://www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/richmond-park/richmond-park-attractions/isabella-plantation>

Sign up for our mailing list and receive regular news about what's going on with the project. Sign up today or contact us on [**isabella@royalparks.gsi.gov.uk**](mailto:isabella@royalparks.gsi.gov.uk).

You can get a progress update and feed your views into the project every few months.

See what's been done, ask us about the Access Project – join our Guided Walks on April 23rd & 26th

Join Assistant Park Manager Jo Scrivener for a walk around the Plantation to find out what's been going on with the project over the past months.

Wed April 23rd 12 noon Peg's Pond Gate / Sat April 26th 11am Broomfield Gate

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